



Community Appearance Commission

Minutes February 4, 2009

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at 4 p.m. by Barbara Perry, Chair, in the Council Chambers, 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

Present: Suzanne Casey, Greta Connor, Diane Gibbs, Barbara Lawther, Sean Meyers, Barbara Perry, Sara Robinson, Bill Safrit and Tom Wolpert

Absent: Connie Baker and Suzette Davis

Staff: Mark Lewis, Lynn Raker and Diana Moghrabi

Guests: Clyde Overcash and Jack Thomson

The minutes of the January 7, 2009, meeting were approved as corrected; the spelling of Ed Hull's name (not Hall) was corrected. The financial report was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Neighborhoods & Education Committee

Greta Connor reported that the Neighborhoods and Education committee had a brief meeting at 3:30 p.m. prior to today's regular CAC meeting.

- The Spring Spruce up has been scheduled for April 20—24, 2009.
- The Neighborhood Leaders Alliance (NLA) meeting date is scheduled for April 23. This might conflict with a Downtown Salisbury, Inc. meeting that could affect attendance of NLA. Lynn Raker will check.

Greta Connor said President Obama issued a call to service. (<http://www.usaservice.org/content/home/>) President-elect Obama believes each of us, as Americans, have a responsibility to do what we can for our communities and fellow citizens. She hopes to focus this new energy in our own community.

Sara and Greta drove through Salisbury recently and observed the need for cleaning up neighborhoods. Citizens need to take responsibility for cleaning their respective neighborhoods. "Regardless of your income, you can be clean," said Greta. Staff will send a letter to neighborhood leaders about Spring

Spruce Up and Adopt-a-Street programs and see what kind of response we get. A partnership with Lowes could help the appearance of Salisbury. Tom suggested providing soup and sandwich in a focused neighborhood cleanup.

Cone Mill area needs representation on the NLA. A police officer lives in the area and perhaps they can serve in a leadership capacity. Lisa Ford is willing to represent Fairview Heights, along with Sandra Russell.

There was a discussion about minimum housing standards which is on the to-do list for the Code Services Division. High priorities for demolition are 1220 Tabernacle and 517 Lincolnton Road.

Art in Public Places

Barbara Perry updated the Commission on the activities of the Salisbury Sculpture Show *Discover What's Outside*. Grant applications were submitted to both the Proctor and Woodson Foundations.

They hope to have the children's tiles installed for the Cotton Mills project before school is out. Trees for the project must be planted by September 1, 2009, to receive the Urban Forestry grant.

Rowan Public Library has been asked to host a sculpture by Jim Galluci at the Salisbury Sculpture Show and the "Travelers Club" marker for the History and Art trail. Other contacts are also being made.

Landscape of the Month

Diane Gibbs has agreed to be the chair of the Landscape of the Month Committee. Depending on the weather, this will gear up again in March. There will be a meeting March 4 at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Grants

DSI will not be adding an enlarged postcard to the side of Doug Jones's building during this cycle of incentive grants. The reason is that Rowan Convention and Visitors Bureau was supposed to pay for half of the cost, and they are not able since they have lost their funding.

Soldiers' Memorial AME Zion Church has requested an application to repair their manse building. Salisbury Emporium is proceeding with work intended for last year.

There is about \$2,000 left between the two programs.

Awards

The Awards Luncheon will be held next year about this time. The committee will need to do some preliminary planning for this luncheon. Livingstone has a new facility that may be appropriate for the luncheon. It is good to get started early.

NEW BUSINESS

Electronic Signs

The local colleges are very interested in using electronic signs. Planning Board tabled the item at their last meeting and will place it on their February 24 meeting agenda. Meetings are at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Staff provided copies of the proposed text amendment for discussion. CAC believed their concerns had been addressed in the proposed text amendment and voted (8-1) to support it. Suzanne Casey voted NAY.

Road grade is still an issue and was discussed after the vote, along with, permitted size of the signs.

CAC Membership

Tom Wolpert, Suzanne Casey and Diane Gibbs are eligible for reappointment and would like to serve another term on the CAC. Sue McHugh and Emily Perry have received application forms to submit for consideration to serve on the CAC.

2009 Schedule

Regular, full CAC meetings are held the first Wednesday of the Month at 4 p.m. Meetings are held at 217 S. Main Street in the Council Chamber. There is no meeting in July and December will be at a location decided later and includes a holiday party. All members voted AYE (9-0) to adopt this 2009 schedule. A copy will be submitted to the City Clerk for public information.

Council Retreat

There will be a luncheon and workshop 12-2:30 p.m. February 12 in the Council Chamber. Boards and Commissions received invitations in the mail with a request to RSVP to Jody Vail at (corrected) jvail@salisburync.gov.

OLD BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Incentive Grant Guidelines

The City Council approved the Historic Preservation Incentive Grant guidelines, related to commercial properties. Income criteria were discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Guests were asked if they had any concerns for the CAC and neither choose to speak.
- Zack Kyle has been announced as the new Human Resources Director for the City of Salisbury.

- Land Management and Development Department has been divided into two departments. Dan Mikkelson is Director of Engineering and Development Services while Joe Morris is director of Planning, GIS, Code Services and Community Development.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next regular CAC meeting will be March 4, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Moghrabi
Secretary